

## Today's News - August 29, 2006

On the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, two in-depth round-ups. -- Mayne has high hopes that New Orleanians are open to new architecture. -- A new Gulf Coast town inspired by the Wright way. -- Architects and engineers conspire with nature to develop new green technology. -- Mercer Island, Washington, has big plans, but does its design commission lack vision? -- Perhaps there are lessons to be learned from a town in Malaysia. -- Who actually designed Toronto's famous City Hall? -- Holl's "hybrid instrument" for the University of Iowa. -- Another move for Betsky. -- The World's Top 10 Cities; Toronto still waiting to join the list. -- King looks forward to September in San Francisco, and sticks to his conclusions about his city's new type of urban neighborhood.

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